**American Government**

**Study Guide – Ch. 1 and 2**

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***Terms to Know:***

***autocracy***

***citizen***

***confederation***

***executive power***

***legislative power***

***judicial power***

***free enterprise system***

***majority rule***

***oligarchy***

***presidential government***

***Federalists***

***Anti-Federalists***

***Articles of Confederation***

***confederation***

***delegate***

***due process***

***Framers***

***ratification***

***representative government***

***Virginia Plan***

***New Jersey Plan***

***Connecticut Compromise***

***Main Ideas:***

1. ***What is the process by which a society decides how power and resources will be distributed?***
2. ***Understand the meaning of sovereignty.***
3. ***What is the divine right theory?***
4. ***What are the 4 characteristics of the state***
5. ***Which has been the most important development of government theory in the United States?***
6. ***Know the preamble of the Constitution – and what the phrases mean.***
7. ***How can you classify a government by the number of people who participate in it?***
8. ***What kind of government is divided between a central government and many local government?***
9. ***Be able to compare a parliamentary government and a presidential government.***
10. ***Be able to characterize what kind of colony the majority of the colonies were.***
11. ***Why did colonists believe so strongly in self-government?***
12. ***Why did the First and Second Continental Congresses have different outcomes?***
13. ***According to the Declaration of Independence, what is the only legitimate basis for a government’s powers?***
14. ***What were the common features of most State constitutions?***
15. ***Why did the Articles of Confederation fail?***
16. ***Why did people believe the Articles must be revised?***
17. ***What event marked the official inauguration of the new government under the Constitution?***

***Essay:***

***There will be an essay opportunity on the test. You may choose between the prompts I will give from chapter one or chapter two.***